

## **Bomb threat note found at Duxbury Middle School**

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A bomb threat was discovered at Duxbury Middle School last Wednesday afternoon while school was in session, according to Duxbury police and Duxbury School Superintendent Dr. Ben Tantillo.

According to an email and phone call sent out to parents on February 3 at 2:40 p.m., the bomb threat, "a small handwritten note," was reported to the principal Wednesday afternoon.

"The police were called and investigated the threat," said Tantillo.

One student was identified as the person who wrote the note "and there was never any danger to our students and staff," Tantillo said in his email.

Several Duxbury parents expressed concern in online chat rooms and via Facebook that the school kept students inside after a bomb threat had

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been discovered. Duxbury Police Lieutenant Lewis Chubb reiterated Dr. Tantillo's reasoning to parents.

"The decision was made not to relocate the students because the school staff and police personnel were quickly able to determine that there was not a credible or realistic threat to the safety of the students," Chubb said. "The response was in line with the bomb threat guidance procedures created by the Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad and the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services."

Chubb intimated more than one student was involved in the threat. "The individuals who had the ability to make the threat were identified through information provided by students and faculty as well as video recordings," he said.

Chubb said the matter remained an "active investigation" on the part of the police department and that "internal discipline or other action relative to the students will be up to the schools."